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PREFACE.



THE first part of this Historical Sketch was written by Mr. Jacob Bell in 1842, as an introduction to the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. It contains an account of the early but unsuccessful attempts made to separate pharmacy from the practice of medicine in this country, and of the efforts which at a later period were successfully made to found an institution with the object of raising up a race of qualified men devoted to the practice of pharmacy as a distinct occupation.

The latter part of the work has been produced by desire of the Pharmaceutical Council as a record of events and the results of operations which have taken place from the founding of the Pharmaceutical Society until the passing of the Pharmacy Act of 1868. In the collection of facts which are embodied in this narrative the author has received valuable assistance from members of the Pharmaceutical Council, from the Secretary, and especially from Mr. Joseph Ince.

June, 1880.

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